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## **PATENT**

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Title: "System, Method, and Service for Federating and Optionally

Migrating a Local File System into a Distributed File System while

Preserving Local Access to Existing Data"

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## **AMENDMENT A**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action of July 3, 2006, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 13 of this paper.